

REMARKS

The allowance of claim 14 is noted with appreciation.

The specification and the drawings have been amended to correct errors in the numeration of depicted elements of the invention and thereby eliminating any confusion that may have arisen. No new matter is involved.

The specification has also been amended to correct certain minor errors appearing therein.

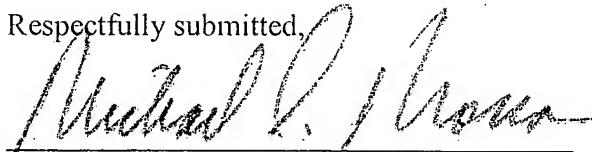
Claims 1 through 8 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 9 has been cancelled and rewritten as new claim 15, which contains the limitations of independent claim 8 from which claim 9 depended. Thus, claim 15 is claim 9 written in independent form and is allowable, as indicated by the Examiner.

Claims 10 through 13 have been made dependent, directly or indirectly, on claim 15 and are, therefore, believed to be allowable for the same reasons as new claim 15.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims remaining in the case, *i.e.*, claims 10 through 15 are clearly allowable, and favorable action in that regard is earnestly submitted.

Respectfully submitted,



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